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For : METHOD FOR STORAGE OF A CHANNEL FOR A  
CONSUMER ELECTRONICS APPLIANCE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/EP99/06478 filed  
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, following the title, insert:

-- This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of  
International Application PCT/EP99/06478, filed September 3, 1999, which was  
published in accordance with PCT Article 21(2) on March 23, 2000 in English, and  
which claims the benefit of DE 19841298.3, filed September 10, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(AMENDED) Method for storage of a channel in a consumer electronics  
appliance, which can be switched over between different channels, wherein the  
reception duration of a selected channel is determined, [characterized in that]  
wherein, as soon as the reception duration of the selected channel exceeds a time  
interval [(ZE)], the selected channel is memorized as channel of interest that can be  
recalled by a dedicated command.